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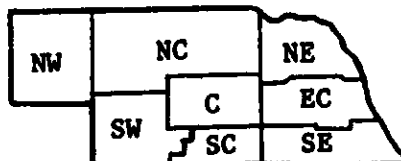
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WEATHER

Mild weather continued this week with precipitation occurring midweek and at the end of the week. Amounts ranged from traces in the Panhandle up to one inch in the southeast. Temperatures averaged from three degrees above normal in the Panhandle up to fourteen degrees above in the east.

GENERAL

The main activities last month were: livestock care, handling grain, bookwork, equipment maintenance, and repairing fences. A small amount of field work was done in some areas such as shredding corn stalks, spreading lime, seeding grasses, and installing center pivots. The majority of the State reported no snow cover, most of the reported cover was in the eastern third of the State. Farmers are becoming concerned about wind erosion in the upcoming months, with some reported already. Weekend moisture was beneficial to many eastern counties, but only limited amounts were received in the western two-thirds of the State.

WINTER WHEAT

Winter wheat condition was rated at 17% poor, 67% fair, and 16% good. There were still concerns about low soil moisture supplies and lack of snow cover. A few areas in the Panhandle reported evidence of Russian wheat aphids. No snow cover was reported. Recent unseasonably warm temperatures have promoted some green up in a few western fields. Producers were hoping for colder temperatures to keep the crop dormant and restrict insect activity.

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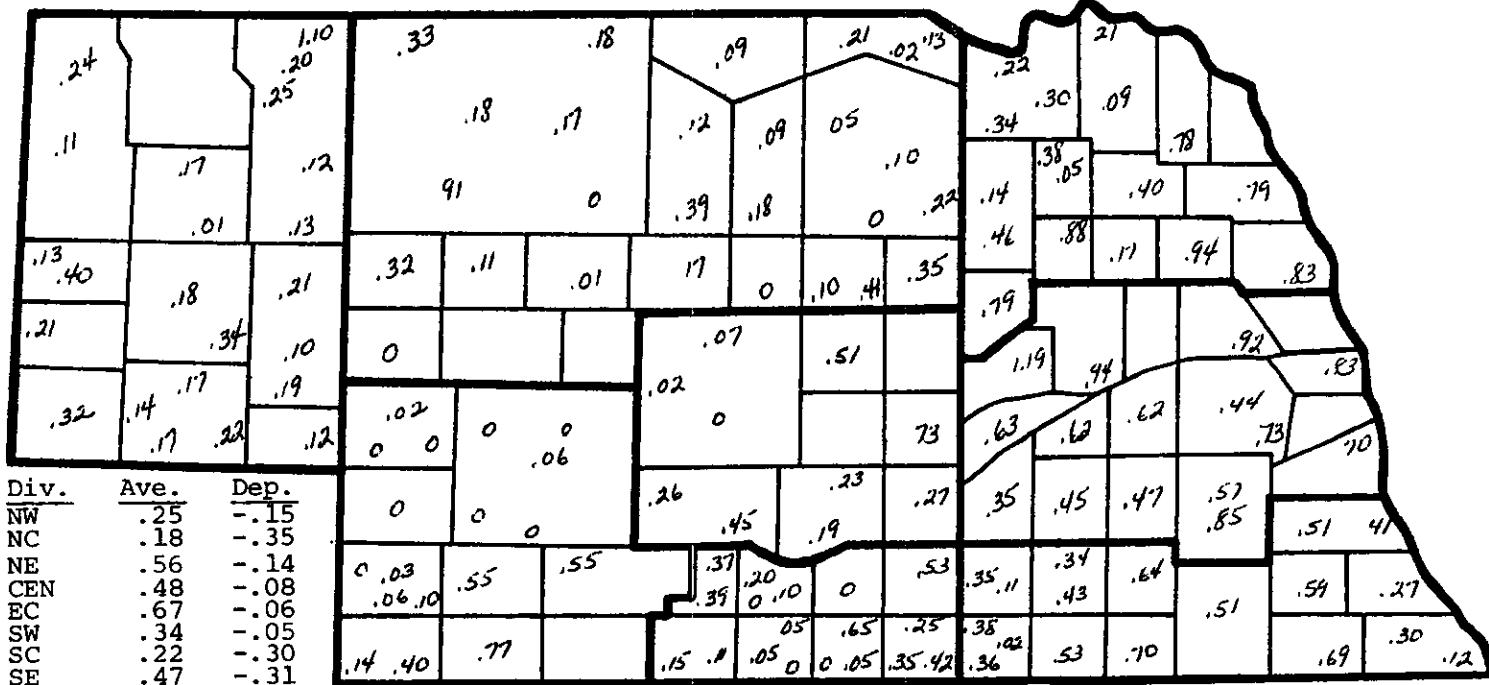
Feed grain, hay and forage supplies were rated adequate for most of the State. Pasture and range feed was short to adequate. Feed and hay usage was below average due to the lack of snow cover allowing grazing on crop residues. Calving was just getting under way with over 3% of the cows calved. Lambing was also in progress with some areas reporting 50% complete.

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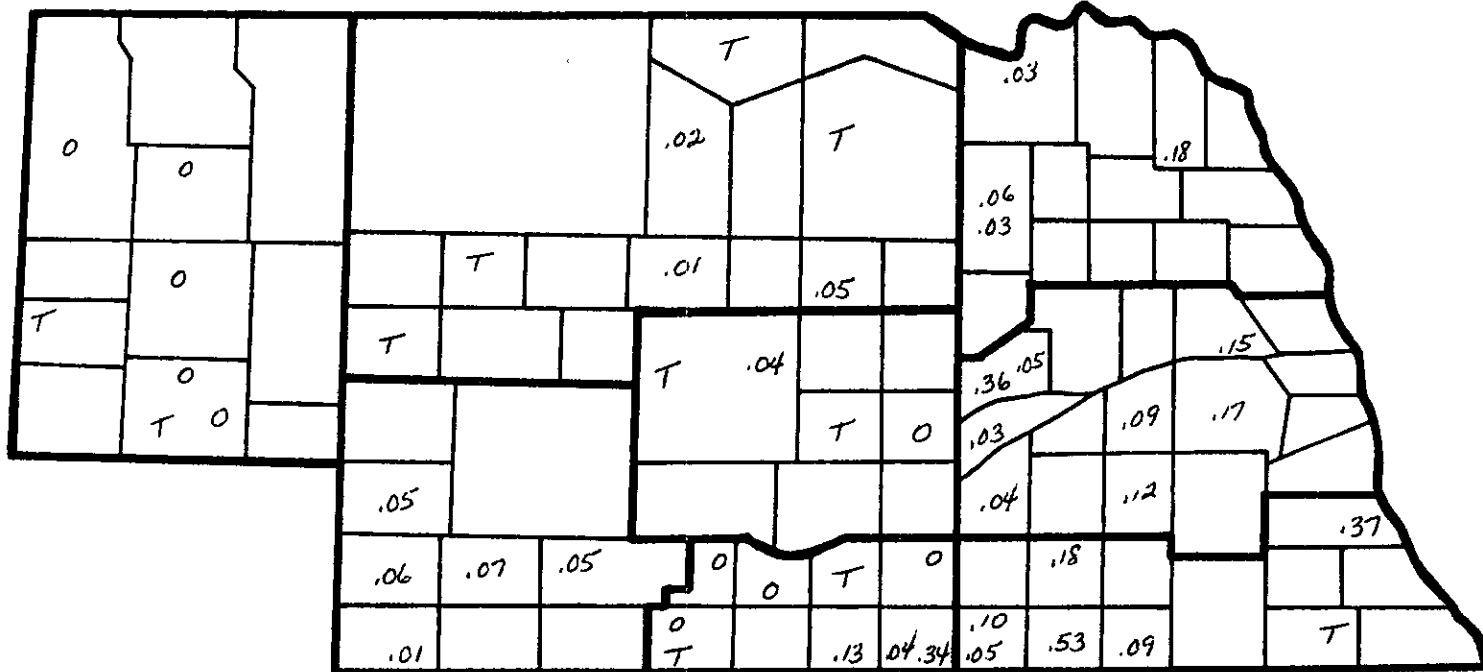
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1988 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Center for Agricultural Meteorology and Climatology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1989



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1989

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1</u> / <u></u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	60	4	28	--	T
	Scottsbluff	62	3	28	+3	T
	Sidney	--	--	--	--	--
NC	Ord	61	13	31	--	T
	Valentine	68	2	28	+9	T
NE	Norfolk	59	9	31	+13	.28
	Sioux City	50	8	32	+15	.26
CEN	Grand Island	58	12	32	+11	.57
EC	Lincoln	57	12	34	+14	.90
	Omaha	55	14	33	+14	.65
SW	Imperial	58	5	29	--	--
	North Platte	63	6	30	+8	.40

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.